

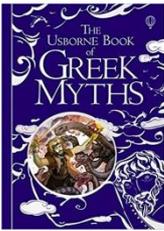


Amethyst Class

Spring Term Newsletter 2020

A warm welcome back in this chilly January weather, after the Christmas holidays; we hope you had a lovely break. We are all looking forward to the new challenges coming up during this middle part of Year Three. The children have settled back in to the routine very well and are already working hard. We have heard all about their wonderful Christmas holidays adventures. The after school open-classroom will continue to be on Thursdays. If there is anything you would like to discuss at other times during the week please come and have a chat after school. If you need a more private talk, it is best to make an appointment.

English - We are starting the year with character descriptions, and information texts using Greek myths and legends. During this term we will also be working on diaries, letters and adventure stories. Our class reading book will be *The Usborne Book of Greek Myths*, followed by *Stig of the Dump*, which will allow some great opportunities to do some writing that enhances our learning about our topics this term. We will also be looking at information texts, linking these to our topic work.



Reading – The children will continue to progress through the reading colour scheme, and those on the accelerated reader scheme will continue to take quizzes in school on their chosen books. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home, their school reading books are a great start, and opportunities to read are everywhere, such as magazines, instructions and menus.

Mathematics - We will start the New Year by continuing to cover multiplication and division, before moving on to money, statistics, length and perimeter and then fractions.

P.E - Our P.E lessons will be Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We will go outside as often as possible, weather permitting, so please ensure that your child has a warm tracksuit and outdoor trainers, as it will help them to enjoy their P.E. lessons even more in this cold weather.

In line with the county council's health and safety policy, earrings must be removed for P.E.



Topic - Our topics for the spring term will be covering a lot of history; first the Ancient Greeks, followed by The Stone Age. We will learn about the ancient Greek civilization and Greek gods & mortals. We will also learn how Neolithic people hunted, what they ate, and what a typical day would have been like during pre-Roman Britain. We will also find out what people have learnt from Stone Age paintings, and understand the difference between the stone, bronze and Iron ages.

Homework – Spellings and homework tasks will continue to be given out on most Fridays. These will be either a sheet that is stuck in to their homework books, or a short task written down. Homework will usually need to be completed by Wednesdays and spelling tests will be Fridays.

Please continue to encourage your child to use the 'My Maths' and 'Times Table Rockstars'

If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please ask.

If you would like to discuss anything at all you can also send me an email:

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